

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Advisory Action mailed August 01, 2006.

No claims are amended, claims 10-16, 25-29 and 33 are canceled without prejudice or waiver of patentable content therein, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 17-24, 34-38 and 40 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) for anticipation by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Applicant notes that claims 10 and 25-29 are cancelled herein and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 13-16 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Grubisich (U.S. 5,581,115). Applicant notes that claims 13-16 and 33 are cancelled herein and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Grubisich. Applicant notes that claims 11 and 12 are cancelled herein and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-24, 34-38 and 40 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and requests that the allowable claims be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney David Suhl at (508) 865-8211, or the undersigned attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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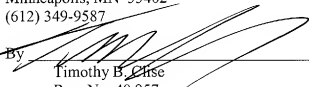
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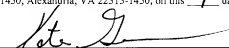
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